

MULTIMODAL COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June 7, 2012

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Nina Szlosberg-Landis, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board Members in attendance: Nina Szlosberg-Landis, Andrew Perkins, Chairman of the Board Judge Bob Collier, Chuck Watts, Mike Alford, John Collett, Hugh Overholt, Tripp Sloan, Ed Grannis, Sam Halsey, Ralph Womble, Wanda Proffitt, Mike Fox, Conrad Burrell, Matt Wood and David Burns.

A motion to approve April 4, 2012, Multimodal Committee Meeting minutes was motioned by Wanda Proffitt and seconded by John Collett. The motion was approved.

Paul Morris provided the following updates:

Aviation Division:

- System Plan
- RPA (Pilot Plan)

Bicycle & Pedestrian Division:

- New Director – Lauren Blackburn
- Deputy Director – Kumar Trivedi
- Long Range Plan
- Grants
- Issue: Increase in Accidents
- Blue Ridge Corridor

Ferry Division:

- Dredging Actions (Temporary and Permanent)
- Tolls
- Vessel Christening on May 11
- Long Range Strategic Plan
- Summer Season
- Emergency Management

Public Transportation Division:

- NCPTA Conference
- New Staff Members
- Annual Grants
- Training Program
- Goldsboro & Wilmington
- Red Line

Rail Division:

- New Director – Anthony Fuller
- Charlotte Gateway Station
- Piedmont Program Update/CRISP
- Funding for Shortline Grants
- Strategic Rail Plan

Richard Walls presented 2 presentations. First being *North Carolina Board of Transportation Aviation Update - Remotely Piloted Airport* and the second being *Aviation System Plan Update* to include the following topics:

- Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)
- North Carolina RPA Efforts – More Than a Range
- NC RPA Program Two-Part Plan
- New Director of the NGAT Center
- North Carolina Airports System Plan (NCASP)
- Purpose of NC Airports System Plan Study
- NCASP Steering Committee – First Meeting Held on May 15, 2012
- NCASP Process
- NC Airport Groupings
- Airport Categories per Goals
- Logistics Task Force
- Rocky Mount - Wilson Regional Airport
- Next Steps

Lauren Blackburn presented *North Carolina Comprehensive Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Update on the Planning Process* to include the following topics:

- Comprehensive Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Selected Alta Planning + Design “A Team”
- Public Involvement
- Plan Components
 - Existing Conditions
 - Programs
 - Policy
 - ADA
 - Transit Interface
 - Health & Safety
 - Economic Development
 - Conservation
 - Online Mapping Tools
 - Signage and Wayfinding
 - Metrics for Evaluation
 - Project Prioritization Criteria
 - Funding Strategies
- Project Scope & Timeline
 - Lauren Blackburn requested approval for Item I-3-1 and I-3-2. A motion was made by Andrew Perkins and seconded by Ralph Womble. The motion was approved.

Harold Thomas presented the Ferry Division Updates to include the following:

- To date, the Division has transported 667,576 (8-13%) less vehicles than this time last year, and 1,499,135 (9.41%) less passengers than this time last year. Please note the Ferry System was affected by Hurricane Irene and was completely shut down August 26 and 27.
- Expenditures for the month of April are \$3,030,684.94. With rising fuel costs, we will continue to monitor weekly expenditures.
- The April total for scheduled runs was 5,374 with 48 missed runs for a 99.11% completion rate. We have completed 57,290 of our 58,303 scheduled runs for the current fiscal year, for a completion rate of 98.26%. We will continue to seek out and implement initiatives that will help to lower this missed trip percentage even further.
- The christening ceremony for the Motor Vessel *Sea Level* took place on Friday, May 11, at Cedar Island Operations. Secretary Conti was guest speaker for the event. The new vessel was put in operation immediately following the ceremony.
- Engineering is complete on a new design for a sound class tug. This tug is necessary when moving the dredge to another location. The existing tug *Albemarle* is 36 years old.
- The Dredge *Carolina* is currently dredging on the Aurora side of the Pamlico River. When the dredging is complete, they will continue with the pillion replacement at Bayview and Aurora operations.
- The existing ramp refurbishment is now a TIP project that will be brought forward for the Board approval in the June meeting. The Division has applied for a federal grant through the Ferry Boat Discretionary Fund to add an additional ramp on both sides and improve the parking area on both sides. The grant announcement should be made in the next 2 months.
- The summer schedule for Hatteras started on May 8 and for Cedar Island, Ocracoke and Swan Quarter it started on May 22.
- Hatteras to Ocracoke route had to be suspended from May 9 at 3:00 p.m. to May 12 due to shoaling issues in the Hatteras Ferry Channel. This channel is a federal channel and under the jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers. The US Army Corps worked on dredging the Hatteras Ferry Channel from May 12 through May 23, to clear some of the shoaling that has occurred in the channel since Hurricane Irene. The Division has been working with the Corps to address this issue for the past nine months. We will continue to monitor the channel conditions and make sure the US Army Corps is aware of the problems, before they arise again. Please see the color surveys of the channel before and after the dredging.

Teresa Hart presented the *North Carolina Public Transportation Division – Annual Grants – Request for Approval* to include the following topics:

- PTD Annual Grants – Requesting the Committee's and the BOT's approval
 - Item I-1-1 – Federal Transit Administration Section 5311
 - Purpose – Community Transportation Services
 - Funding
 - 84 Community Transportation Projects
 - 14 with ADA and Paratransit Service
 - Administration Cost – Federal \$12.8 million/State \$2,117,166
 - Capital Cost – Federal \$6.3 million/State \$1,447,199
 - State Administration - \$2,072,774 (Federal)
 - Planning
 - \$1,337,724 (Federal)
 - \$167,215 (State)
 - \$167,216 (Local)
 - Purpose – Rural Transit Assistant Program (RTAP)
 - \$288,358 (Federal)
 - Purpose – Intercity Bus Transportation – America Charters
 - 3 Service Routes - \$262,255 State Funds
 - Greyhound – 5 Service Routes - \$693,865 Federal Funds
 - Item I-1-2 – Federal Transportation Section 5303 & 5304
 - Purpose – 18 Total Projects
 - Research Statewide
 - \$269,824 Federal
 - \$67,456 State
 - Planning (17) - \$1.3 million Federal
 - \$171,895 for State
 - Item I-1-3 – Federal Transportation Section 5310
 - Purpose – Improve Mobility for Elderly and individuals with disabilities.
 - Funding – Capital 80/10/10 Operating 50/0/50
 - 31 Total Systems
 - \$3,918,327 Federal
 - \$234,913 State
 - Item I-1-4 – Federal Transportation Section 5317
 - Purpose – New Freedom Program
 - Funding – Capital 80/10/10 Operating 50/0/50
 - 10 Systems
 - \$1,140,747 Federal – includes state admin \$190,753
 - State Match of \$44,434
 - Item I-1-5 – Advanced Technology Program
 - Purpose – Utilizing Technology to Improve Efficiencies
 - Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (WAVE)
 - Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority (Triangle Transit)

- City of Durham (Durham Area Transit Authority)
- Town of Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill Transit)
- Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART)
- City of Charlotte (Charlotte Area Transit System)
- City of Asheville (Asheville Transit Authority)
 - Cost: Federal \$0
 - State \$2,005,464
- Item I-1-6 – TDM, Grants, Traveler's Aid
 - Transportation Demand Management Programs (TDM)
 - 0/50/50 – State Total \$828,342 (4 Projects)
 - Public Transportation Grant Program
 - 0/90/10 – State \$39,528
 - Public Transportation Traveler's Aid
 - 0/50/50 – State \$7,500
- Item I-1-7 – Rural Capital Program
 - Construction of Administration Operations Transit Facility in Graham County \$169,444 Federal
- Item I-1-8 – Bus and Bus Facilities
 - Alternative Needs Analysis for Urban Transportation Circulator Service for the City of Winston-Salem. \$70,000 State Match 10%
- Teresa Hart Requesting Approval for a Total of \$7,551,157 – State Funds and \$32,482,878 – Federal Funds. Motion was made by Hugh Overholt and seconded by Ralph Womble. Motion was approved.
- Item I-1-1A – 10 Additions to the Transit 2012-2013 STIP.

Meredith McDiarmid presented *I-40 Regional Partnership: Bus on Shoulder Systems Initiative (BOSS)* to include the following:

- Bus on Shoulder Systems (BOSS) – Began in MN Twin Cities in early 1990s
- Basic Operating Rules for NC Pilot Program
- NC BOSS Pilot Segments
 - Westbound I-40: NC 147 to US 15-501
 - Eastbound I-40: US 15-501 to Page Road
 - Both pilot segments located entirely within Durham County, in Highway Division 5
- NC BOSS Pilot Update
- NC BOSS Pilot Implementation Schedule
 - June 12 – Press conference to Triangle Transit's District Drive Park and Ride – Public Information and Education Program Starts
 - June 26 – Sign Installation Complete – On-site Driver Training Starts
 - July 16 – BOSS Pilot Begins

Shirley Williams presented *Shortline Infrastructure Assistance Program 2012 – Funding Recommendations* to include the following:

- Shortline Railroads in North Carolina
 - Shortline Railroads Infrastructure Assistance Program
 - SIAP 2012 Project Scoring
 - North Carolina's Railroad System
 - North Carolina Department of Transportation – 2012 Shortline Infrastructure Assistance Program (SIAP)
- Shirley Williams requested approval of Item I-2-1, I-2-2, and I-2-3. Motion was made by Wanda Proffitt and seconded by Andrew Perkins. The motion was approved.

Due to time, the Multimodal Committee Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 and resumed at 10:15 am on June 7, 2012, for the final Rail Division presentation.

June 7, 2012 – Continuation of Multimodal Committee Meeting

Shirley Williams and Paul Worley presented *North Carolina Rail Division – An Update on Programs and Projects* to include the following:

- About the NCDOT Rail Division
- Track and Signal Improvements
- Stations and Equipment Improvements
- Ridership Increased on the *Piedmont* and *Carolinian*
- Current and Future Passenger Rail Services
- Federally-designated SEHSR Corridor
- Working with Others – NC/VA
- Cooperative Efforts Streamline Process
- Our Current Focus: Piedmont Projects
- Track & Structures Program Highlights between Raleigh-Greensboro-Charlotte
- Track & Structures Program Highlights in the Piedmont Triad Region
 - Double Track 4.3 miles of NCRR Main Line near Lexington
 - Highway/Rail Grade Separations new Lexington (Bowers to Lake)
 - Haw River Realignment & Passing Siding Construction
 - McLeansville Road Grade Separation
 - CRISP – Charlotte Railroad Improvement & Safety Program
 - NS/CSXT Main Line Grade Separation
 - Private Crossing Safety Initiative
- Station and Facilities Program Highlights between Raleigh-Greensboro-Charlotte
 - High Point Station Projects
 - Burlington Station Projects
- Other Projects of Interest in North Carolina
 - CSX Railroad Intermodal Facility Improvement
- Norfolk Southern Intermodal Freight Facility
- Economic Development